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The Busselton Jetty is in safe hands with Busselton Jetty Inc, the not for profit community group overseeing Jetty operations, paying its half yearly Jetty Maintenance Fund Licence fee to the City of Busselton, a whopping \$419,806.

In the 2018/2019 financial year, BJI will pay the City \$839,612 from Tours, Events, Walk Tickets and Retail purchases, an increase of \$84,232 on the previous financial year.

As part of the Licence agreement between the City and the volunteer organisation BJI is obligated to pay 25% of all revenue to fund future Jetty maintenance to ensure sustainability of the heritage listed icon.

Busselton Jetty CEO Lisa Shreeve said it was a great result for tourism and local business that the Jetty continues to see an increasing number of visitors each year and could continue to reduce the amount ratepayers contribute to the Jetty's ongoing maintenance.

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Jetty Successful in Grant for Multicultural Working Group
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Busselton Jetty Incorporated (BJI) is delighted to receive \$10,000 from the Department of Home Affairs Fostering Integration Grants program for a new Multicultural Working Group.

BJI, who manage operations on the Busselton Jetty, is a not-for-profit community-based association with a membership of over 640, employing 50 staff supported by over 70 volunteers (Jetty Hosts).

BJI Chair Jenny Sheehan said the impetus for this group was to engage with people from a range of cultural backgrounds who are currently under-represented in the Jetty Host program.

“Our invaluable Jetty Hosts are the smiling, welcoming faces that greet and assist visitors to the Jetty, many of these visitors are from overseas or new to Australia.

“We believe the Jetty Host program is a vehicle for social inclusion, we have a group of long-standing Busselton residents able to help new community members integrate into local society.

“Being a part of this program enables people to build new friendships and encourages them to join other community groups by having a point of contact to introduce them,” Jenny said.

BJI Stakeholder Engagement Manager Justine Nagorski said the incentives of the Multicultural Working Group were inclusion and cultural diversity.

“The Group will provide a forum for people to find out what's happening in the wider community, tackle broad local issues, help improve access and inclusion strategies, participate in activities and events that promote social cohesion, develop community partnerships and identify ways to get involved.

“Volunteering will improve members self-confidence, social inclusion within the Busselton community, English language and the knowledge, skills and experience needed to increase employability,” Justine said.

More information on the development of the Multicultural Working Group will be available on www.busseltonjetty.com.au in the coming months.

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